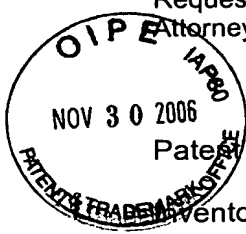


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Patent No. : 7,096,520 Confirmation No. 8871
Inventors : Nicolia et al.
Issued : August 29, 2006
Title : Fixture Carrier
Examiner : Ramon O. Ramirez
Customer No. : 28289

REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION OF PATENT

Commissioner for Patents
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ATTENTION: Decision and Certificate of Correction
Branch of the Patent Issue Division

Sir:

In accordance with 35 U.S.C. §255, we attach hereto Form PTO/SB/44 and proof of error and request that a Certificate of Correction be issued in the above-identified patent. The following error appears in the patent as printed:

FIG. 2, shown on Sheet 3 of the drawings, is missing element numbers 112, 113 for the locking screws. See the Preliminary Amendment mailed September 16, 2004, which included a replacement sheet which added element numbers 112, 113. In an Office Action dated November 7, 2005, the Examiner requested formal drawings. On February 7, 2006, Applicants sent formal replacement drawing sheets which were accepted by the Examiner in an Office Action mailed March 2, 2006. Unfortunately, the draftsman neglected to add element numbers 112, 113 to the formal drawing of FIG. 2.

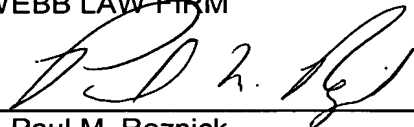
Kindly substitute Sheet 3 of the patent with the attached replacement drawing sheet containing a corrected FIG. 2.

The above error is an obvious error of omission made by Applicants' draftsman. A check for \$100.00 is attached to cover the fee for correction of Applicants' mistake.

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APPLICATION NO. : 10/811,477
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It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Substitute Sheet 3 of the patent drawings with the attached replacement drawing sheet containing a corrected FIG. 2. The new FIG. 2 added element Nos. 112 and 113.

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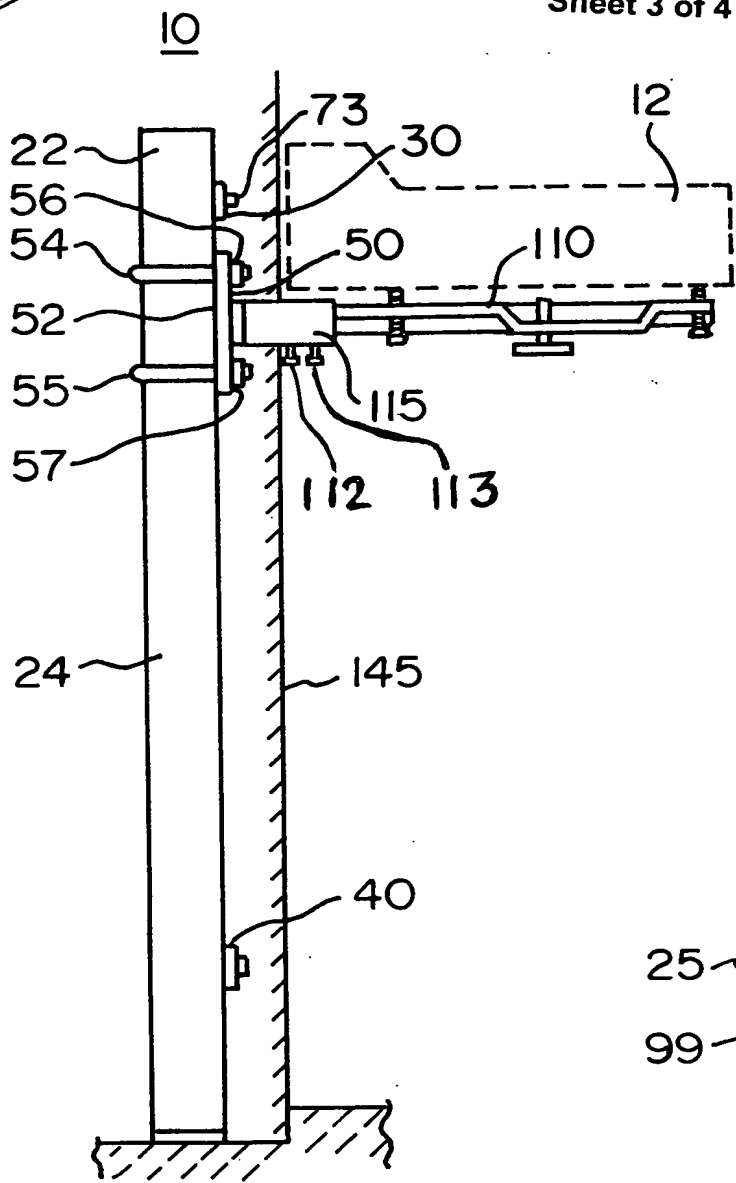


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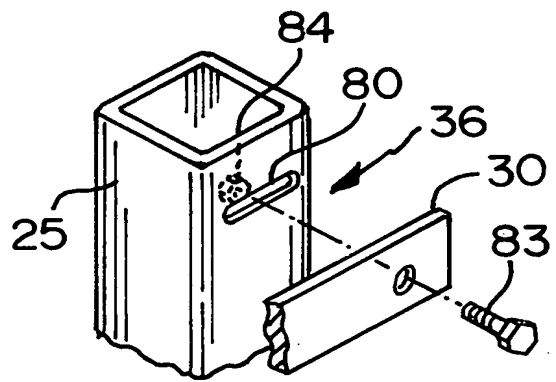


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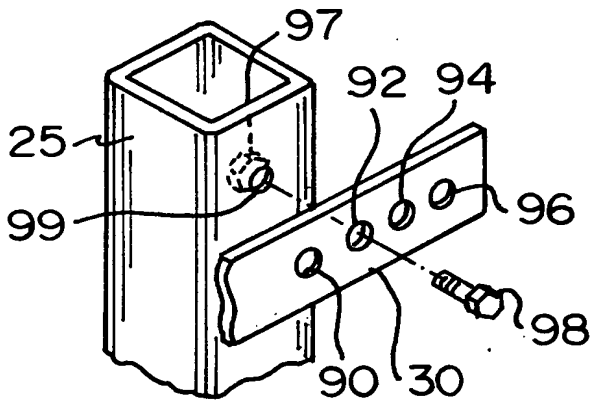


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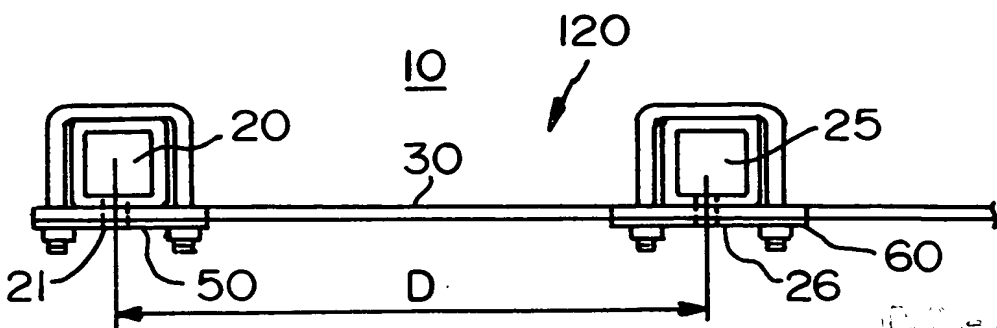


FIG. 3

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Docket No. : 0644-031015
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application on its merits, please amend the application as follows:

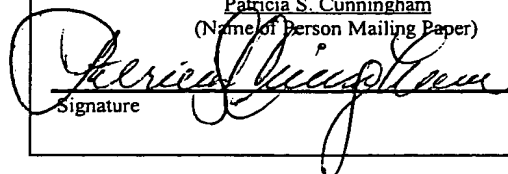
Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 3 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet and an annotated copy of the replacement sheet showing changes.

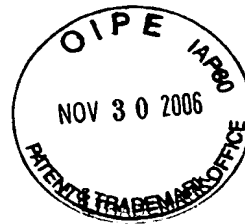
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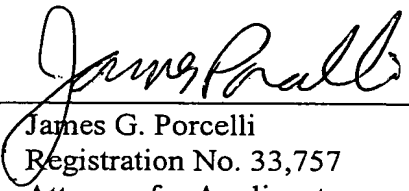
Changes to the Specification have been made for clarity. In particular, in the Description of Related Art, fixture carriers have been described as supports for plumbing fixtures such as service sinks, rather than water closets.

Paragraph [0034] has been amended to specify that sleeves 115 extend through the apertures within the wall as highlighted in Fig. 2. Additionally the arms 110 are locked within the sleeves 115 with locking screws 112, 113 which are also illustrated in Fig. 2.

No new subject matter has been added by this Amendment. Entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

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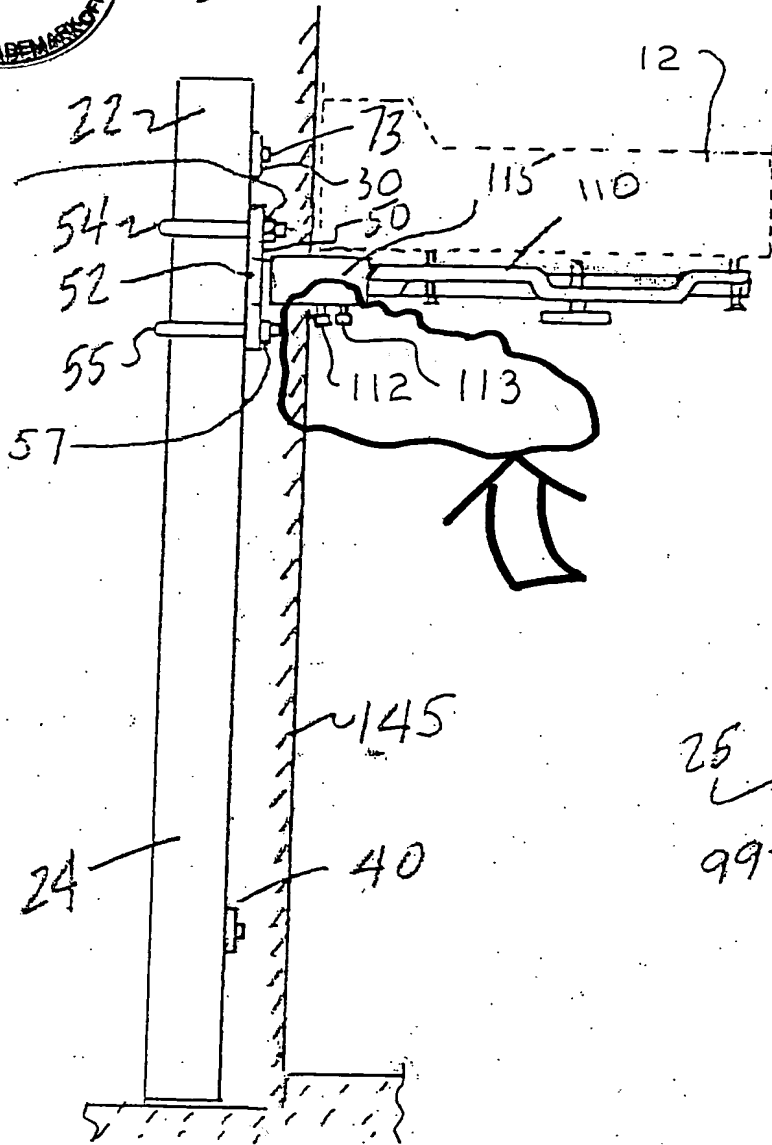


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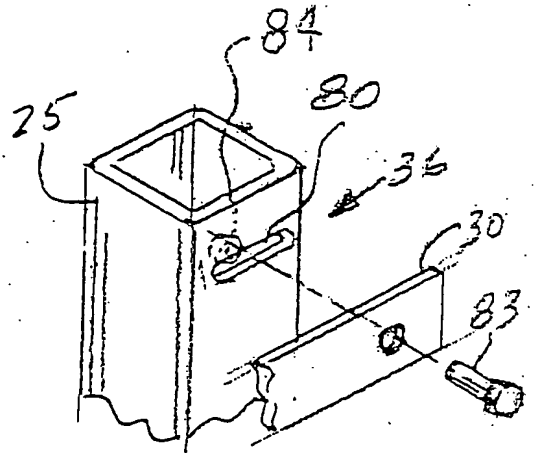


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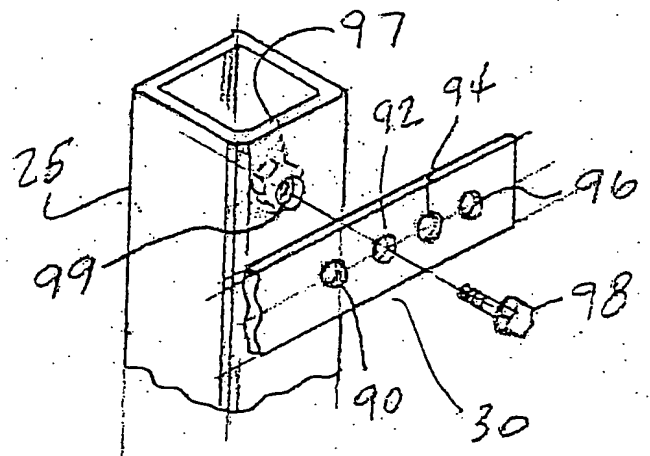


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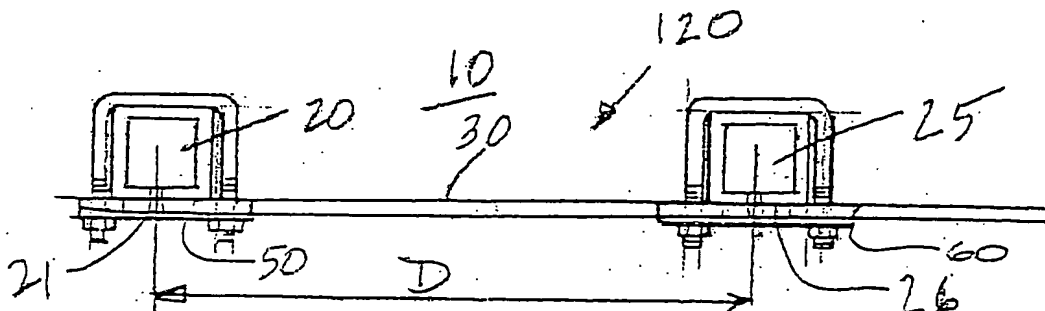


FIG. 3

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RESPONSE

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 7, 2005, please consider the following:

On page 2 of the Office Action the Examiner indicates that the drawings are objected to for reasons set forth in the Draftspersons attached From PTO-942. Please find enclosed herewith Replacement Drawing Sheets 1-4. Please substitute for the originally filed Drawings Sheets, the enclosed Replacement Sheets 1-4. These Replacement Drawing Sheets are merely formalized copies of the originally filed Drawings and no new subject matter is believed to have been added through these Drawings.

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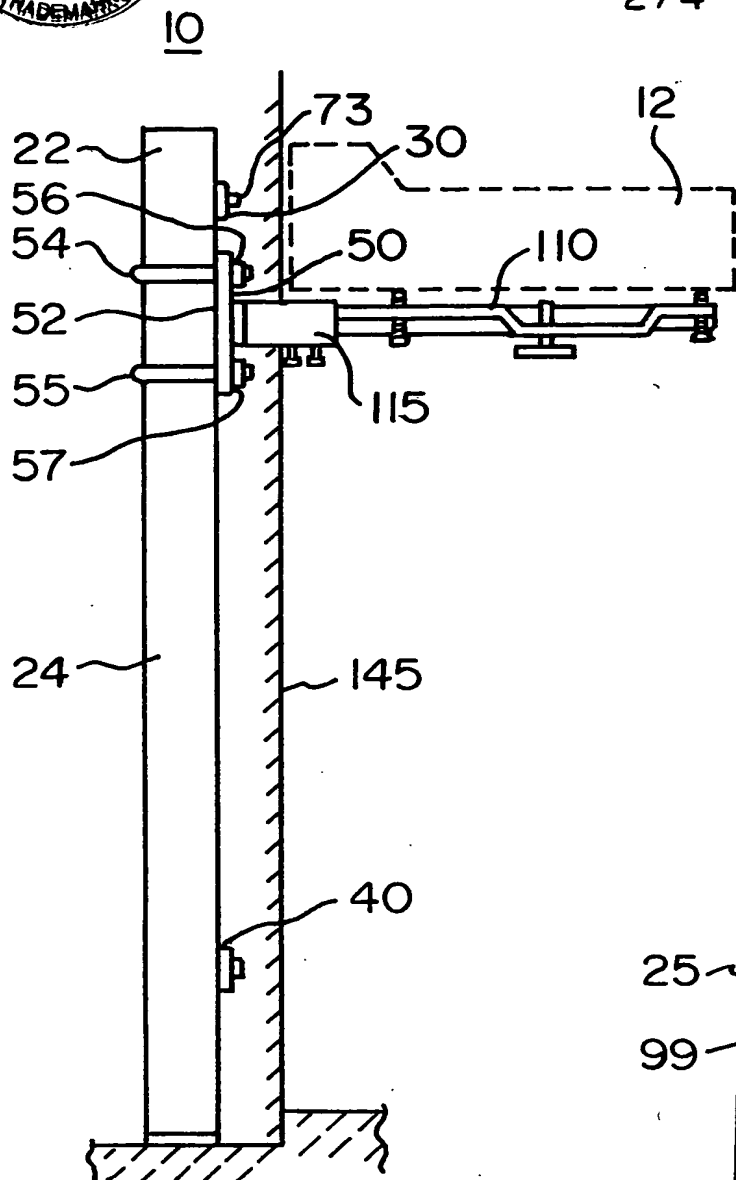


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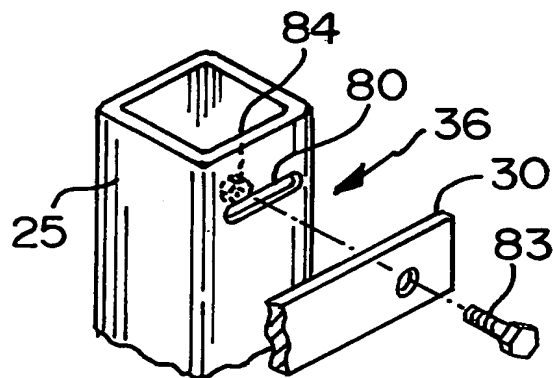


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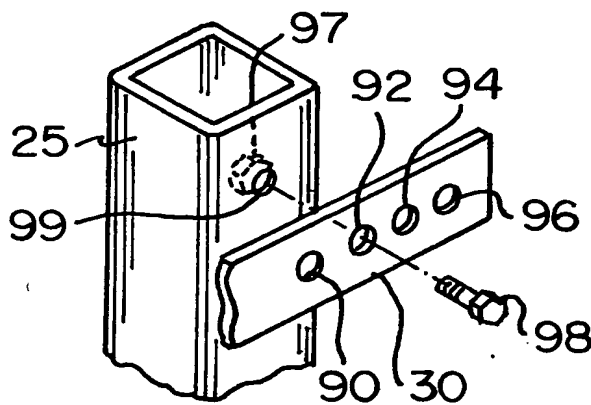


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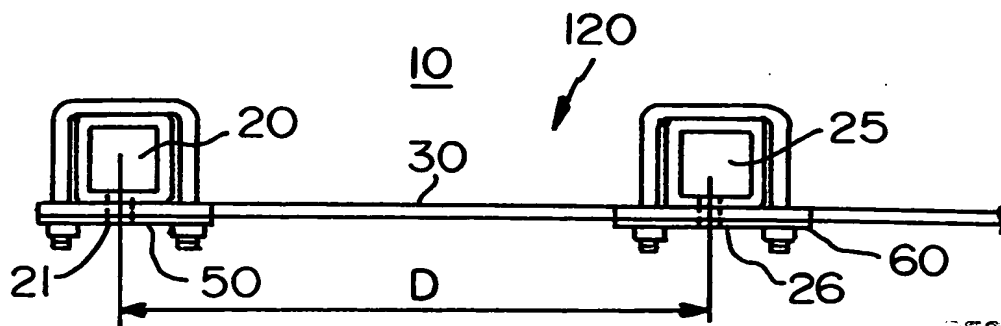


FIG. 3

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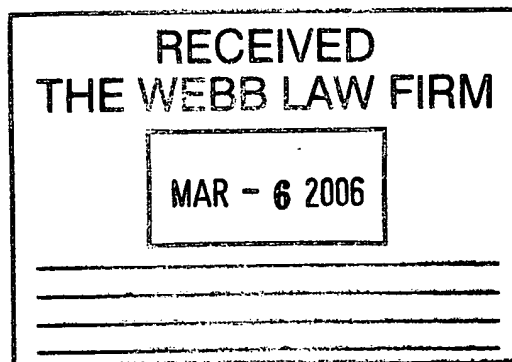
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Art Unit

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 February 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 and 17-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 15 and 16 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
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Detailed Action

This is the second Office Action corresponding to communication filed Feb 9, 2006. The application contains 21 claims. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Drawings

The drawings filed Feb 9, 2006 are accepted by the examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claims 1, 2, and 4-14, and 16-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Labor ServerTM illustration (from now on referring as the illustration) in view of Garcia (2004/0222179A1).

The illustration shows a frame having two uprights connected by cross bars at each of their ends, and a vertical adjusted support member having a hole for receiving an arm fixture.

Garcia discloses a frame having two uprights (14b, 14c) connected by cross bars (14a, 16a) which are horizontally adjustable to adjust the distance between the uprights.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have made the cross bars shown by the illustration horizontally adjustable as shown by Garcia to adjust the distance between the uprights to make the

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